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SUBJECT: ITALIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON LIBYAN DEVELOPMENTS AND ENERGY COOPERATION

REF: ROME 9273 (LIMDIS)

1. SUMMARY - ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION TOWARD LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION POLITICAL QUESTION WHICH WILL REQUIRE CABINET ACTION. THIS NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED. [redacted] B1

2. BENNSKY (DIRECTOR FSE) AND EMBOFF MET THIS MORNING SEPARATELY WITH RISTAGNO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY IN MINISTRY INDUSTRY, AND ZAMBONI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENERGY IN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONVERSATIONS FOCUSED FIRST ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (GOI) VIEWS RE LIBYAN 51 PERCENT NATIONALIZATION OF "MAJORS"

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OIL FIELDS AND THEN ON PROSPECTS FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS AND WITH OIL EXPORTER GOVERNMENTS.

3. BOTH GOI OFFICIALS STATED THAT HOW TO DEAL WITH LIBYAN SITUATION WAS POLITICAL QUESTION TO BE DECIDED AT CABINET LEVEL. ZIGNAGNO SAID HE HAD ASKED HIS MINISTER WHAT GOI POSITION WOULD BE BUT HAD NO ANSWER AS YET. HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO ENLIGHTEN ZANNOCKY FURTHER AT SEPT. 11 HIGH LEVEL GROUP MEETING IN PARIS. HE NOTED THAT CURRENT GOI ONLY SIX WEEKS OLD AND STILL ACCLIMATING ITSELF. ESSO OFFICIALS HAD SAID YESTERDAY THAT GOI NOT YET READY SAY WHAT ITS POSTURE WILL BE. IN THIS REGARD, ZAMSONI SAID SIMONET HAD CANCELED HIS PLANNED VISIT OF SEPT 7 TO ROME.

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5. IN RESPONSE DIRECT QUERY THEY SAID THEY HAD NO INFORMATION THAT LIBYA WAS REQUESTING ENI FOR ASSISTANCE IN OPERATING PROPERTIES OF "MAJORS."

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THEY THINK OPEC HAS ALREADY LAID OUT BASIS FOR COOPERATION,
EXC NGING OIL FOR TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETS, AND EC AND/OR CECD
SHOULD CHECK THIS OUT BY PROPOSING A CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE.

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